



ARMY ACQUISITION REFORM



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ACQUISITION REFORM TOOLS & TECHNIQUES IN PRACTICE

• PAST PERFORMANCE



The US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is one of the first major commands in DOD to fully comply with a Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) requirement (FAR Part 42) which mandates accurately assessing and recording of contractor *past performance*. With the addition of a Service and Supply Contractor Appraisal Support System to its two existing fully automated appraisal systems for Architect and Engineering and Construction contracting, private firms performing contracts with the COE can now anticipate the issuance of an automated evaluation on every awarded contract. The systems are available for other Federal agencies to use.

• ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE



The Ground Combat and Support Systems PEO, Breacher System PM is taking advantage of *Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)*. Cost Performance Reporting (CPR) data will be created as a CDRL by the contractor in Enhanced Program Management Software (electronically provided in JCALS) and downloaded directly into performance analyzer software to assist in monthly PMO assessments. This not only reduces current manual workload; but, more importantly, eliminates the opportunity for data transfer error when reentering the elements by hand. In addition, the PM will be able to have CPR information analyzed and available the day it is generated, rather than two or three weeks later.

• ORAL PRESENTATIONS



The Fort Meade Contracting Office is using the technique of *oral presentations* to award its job order contract (JOC). The JOC represents a five year effort, with a base year and four one year options. Each of the offerors within the competitive range presents a two hour or less oral presentation to the Source Selection Evaluation Board. A question and answer period follows. The Army will videotape all of it for internal use. As a result, procurement lead time of the JOC formal source selection will be reduced by sixty (60) days.